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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing to ask you to reject the petition by AT&T and US Telecom to take away access to unbundled network elements. Doing so would severely limit the ability of smaller and newer companies to provide service--and competition in the marketplace is critical.

I chose a local provider because they provide great service at great prices, but also because, being local and having to fight the big boys, they provide the best possible customer service. I get real people answering my questions and resolving issues for me.

I work in the tech industry as a freelancer, so having affordable Internet access is crucial to me. Removing access to unbundled "last mile" components will give AT&T and other big companies a stranglehold on Internet access, meaning that higher prices are sure to follow.

I ask you to pleas REJECT the request from US Telecom and its partners.

Thank you.

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